



# Guest Spotlight

Larry

**Age:** 57

**Transplant:** Double Lung

**Hospital:** Houston Methodist Hospital

**Hometown:** Hammond, LA

**Caregiver:** His Wife Ericka

**Transplant Journey:** Larry always had his struggles with asthma, but in 2021 he contracted COVID-19 which greatly complicated things. He felt very fatigued after getting sick, but his energy never seemed to improve after the infection resolved. That became more pronounced with a change in elevation when he visited Idaho. Concerned, Larry went to see the doctor and was subsequently diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension and sarcoidosis of the lungs. He continued to grow weaker and by the end of 2024, his pulmonologist recommended a transplant. Larry's name was submitted to the transplant list through Houston Methodist, and he received a call on Christmas Eve that he was accepted to the list. He and his wife Erika came to Nora's Home in the beginning of January to be available for the surgery. After one donor match fell through, another became available by the end of January and, on February 2, 2025, Larry received his lung transplant. He recovered in the hospital and returned to Nora's Home within just three weeks, astonishing his medical team with his speedy recovery.

**What is the first thing you wanted to do after receiving your transplant?** The first thing that I wanted to do was walk and the second was to go shopping. I need to stay in Houston for a year, but after that I can't wait to go home to Hammond and see my four grandkids.

**What would you want to say to your donor or what would you want them to know?** My wife and I would both say thank you for being a donor. I praise God that you donated your organs, and we grieve with you for your loss. You have made such a difference in our lives.

**What would you say to someone who is considering becoming an organ donor?** I like how nice everybody is. Everyone here has a very positive vibe. The ladies at the front desk are really kind and helpful. The facility is very clean. My favorite thing is sharing your experience with others and hearing about their experience with their transplants.

**What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?** Right where I'm sitting now, in the dining hall, where you can visit with everyone.

**What would you say to the donors who support Nora's Home with financial donations?** I would tell the donors that we appreciate them, and may God continue to bless them so that they can keep giving to help support Nora's Home.

